

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2125
VAN DOREN et al.)) Examiner: KOSOWSKI, Alexander J.
Serial No.: 10/666,433)) Confirmation No.: 8306
Filed: September 18, 2003)) **REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH**
Atty. File No.: 3944-13-CIP)) **EXTENSION OF TIME**
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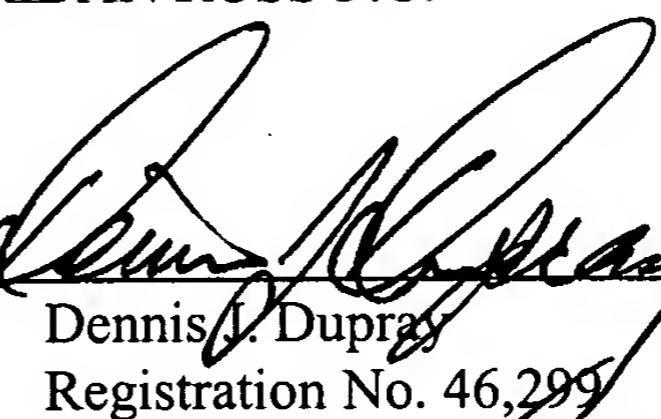
Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from December 3, 2004 to January 3, 2005.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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